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SUBJECT: MEETING OF US CANADIAN AND WEO MEMBERS OF HUMAN RIGHTS COMM  
ISSION

REF: A STATE 168583; B GENEVA 5161

1. SIX MEMBERS AND ONE OBSERVER OF THE COMMISSION FOR HUMAN RIGHTS  
(U.S. CANADA, AUSTRALIA, ITALY, NEW ZEALAND, U.K. AND OBSERVER BELGIUM)

MET AT A LUNCHEON HOSTED BY FRANK CHANDLER (CANADA) TO CONSIDER  
FORMATION  
OF INFORMAL HRS GROUP AS DISCUSSED IN REF B.

2. ALL PRESENT AGREED THAT SUCH A GROUP COULD PLAY A USEFUL ROLE,  
PARTICULARLY IN THE EXCHANGE OF INFORMATION REGARDING SECT PROJECTS,  
ACTIVITIES OF THIRD WORLD MEMBERS AND NGO CONCERNS. CONSENSUS WAS THAT

GROUP SHOULD BE INFORMAL WITH NO REPEAT NO REGULARLY SCHEDULED  
MEETINGS.

WHEN HR COMMITTEES AND/OR SUB-COMMITTEES ARE IN SESSION, ANY MEMBER  
DESIRING TO DO SO MAY CALL A MEETING TO DISCUSS ISSUES OR BRIEF GROUP  
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ON ITEMS OF IMPORTANCE. FOR EXAMPLE, THE US WILL BRIEF THE GROUP ON

MATTERS THAT TAKE PLACE IN 29TH SESSION OF THE SUB-COMMISSION ON PROTECTION OF MINORITES.

3. THE IMPORTANCE OF SUCH GATHERINGS WAS EVIDENCED WHEN THE ISSUE OF MARC SCHRIEBER'S (EX-DIRECTOR OF HUMAN RIGHTS DIVISION) RETIREMENT WAS RAISED. INFORMATION INTRODUCED WHICH WAS NOT KNOWN TO SEVERAL PRESENT IS THAT CANADA, THE NETHERLANDS AND ITALY ALL HAVE CANDIDATES FOR SCHRIEBER'S POSITION.

4. OCCHIPINTI (ITALY) CONSIDERING THIS BIT OF NEWS SUGGESTED THAT WESTERN MEMBERS COME UP WITH AN AGREED CANDIDATE WHICH WOULD STRENGTHEN POSSIBILITY OF SECURING POSITION.

5. WHILE SANGUINE ABOUT THE PROSPECTS, NO ONE WAS CONFIDENT THAT SCHRIEBER WOULD BE DEPARTING IN MARCH 1977 WHEN, IT IS RUMORED THAT, HIS CONTRACT EXTENSION EXPIRES, PARTICULARLY SINCE THIS MIGHT FALL DURING THE 33RD SESSION OF THE HRC.

6. THIS MATTER WILL PROBABLY BE PURSUED FURTHER BY THE GROUP WHEN IT MEETS AGAIN. US MISSION GENEVA WOULD APPRECIATE DEPARTMENT'S VIEWS ON THIS ISSUE. NAMES OF THREE CANDIDATES ARE: DEAN DIXON, CANADA; TH.C. VAN BOVE, NETHERLANDS; MARGIOTTA BROGLIO, ITALY.

7. QUESTION RAISED BY DEPARTMENT IN PARA 3 REF (A) WAS NOT REPEAT NOT DISCUSSED SINCE CABLE WAS RECEIVED AFTER MEETING TOOK PLACE.  
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